

# City of Sammamish

## SAMMAMISH YOUTH BOARD

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### Meeting Summary

*September 25, 2003*

6:00-7:30 PM, Sammamish Library

#### Present

**Adult Volunteers:** Lynne Handlos, City of Sammamish  
Cindy Claypool, KCLS

**SYB Members:** Asiya Khaki, Andrea Gorder, Andrew Seliber, Paul Knudsen, Lauren Rossi, Bridget Beattie, Matthew Jackson, Nicki Bastine, Allison Dunham, Ty Gilligan, Robert Baxter, Alexa Cabellon, Courtney Wenneborg, Erin Horvath, Katie Cochrane, Heather Hergert, Sangita Kode, Ashley Uno, Alex Feng, Katie Caudle, Connor Bischak, Ryan Nguyen, Andrea Gorder

**Guests:** Lindsey Wilson and Emily Wilson (9<sup>th</sup> Grade @ ICS), Courtney Allen (IJH), Christy Harrison (EHS photography)

#### New Business

1. An icebreaker was done in order to “loosen up” everyone and get their wiggles out, and to get reacquainted.
2. The leadership officers for this year’s board were introduced. The jobs of each officer were also explained. Chair: Asiya Khaki
  - a. Secretary: Kellen Klein
  - b. Treasurer: Andrew Seliber
  - c. City Liaison: Lauren Rossi
  - d. Programs: Andrea Gorder
  - e. Community Service: Paul Knudsen
3. What is SYB? The leadership officers reiterated to the board just exactly what the goals and intentions of the Sammamish Youth Board are. They read the mission statement of SYB, mentioned past events and accomplishments (teen feed, Partners In Prevention, holiday events, bingo nights, 847 Decibels concert, etc.), and stressed the importance of getting our name out in the community, including by wearing SYB t-shirts when performing community service.
4. Andrea Gorder introduced the Programs committee. She explained that the Programs committee is designed to help out with all of the events of SYB. The people on this committee create events for the community and help get events advertised.
5. Paul Knudsen informed the board on the Community Service committee. He explained that this committee finds a variety of community service events in the area and brings them to the board to get volunteers. Some community service events that members of SYB attended last year were the Washington Teen Feed,

- Little Bit Riding Center, and more. This board provides a great chance to meet new people.
6. Lauren Rossi explained that the City Liaison committee is designed to keep in touch with the city, school board and neighboring youth boards by attending their events, meetings, and superintendent meetings. The City Liaison committee members attend all youth board events, and also work with the city government.
  7. Asiya Khaki stressed the importance of trying to get involved in all of the committees.
  8. Asiya directed the board in coming up with some ground rules for future SYB board meetings. These rules were:
    - a. Listen while others are speaking
    - b. Respect other's opinions
    - c. Share your opinions
    - d. Be alert and aware
    - e. Listen to the chair so that the meeting can run smoothly
    - f. Encourage everyone to get involved
  9. Robert's Rules of Order were explained to the board. They are a systematic way to maintain order during meetings. Refer to your binder for specific details.
  10. Sergeant Bonar talked to the board about a handbook that the police and youth had collaborated to make. The handbook talks about youth and police relations. It stresses the importance of teens respecting police officers, and vice versa.
  11. The board established goals for the year. Those goals were:
    - a. Examine the possibility of offering teen-focused events while continuing the successful family-oriented events the board has offered in the past
    - b. Committees will meet once a month, with each panel member chairing one big project or event during the year.
    - c. Extend community service and volunteer opportunities to local youth and youth groups
    - d. Evaluate SYB's advertising techniques for events and examine the possibility of creating an advertising committee in order to get the board's name out into the community
  12. Upcoming events were announced. Refer to the upcoming events and opportunities sheet for dates and times.
  13. The committees dispersed and held short meetings. After they were finished, the board came back together and each committee gave an update.
    - a. City Liaison discussed plans for a police/youth conduct guide, an adopt-a-road event, the creation of a travel guide, and the promotion of events through advertising.
    - b. Community Service determined they would have a meeting Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 3-4 PM at Sammamish City Hall in order to discuss upcoming events.
    - c. Programs discussed plans for a possible sports-centered event. They also discussed basic ideas for a holiday event that would take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>. They also talked about a possible dance event.
  14. A suggestion box will be available to allow for confidential input on meetings.
  15. Dismissed! Next all-board meeting October 30, 2003!